river, water, as per the newsitem captioned "U. P., Haryana water row", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated Dec., 21, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to resolve to dispute?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Differences on the figures of committed utilisation of Yamuna Waters are persisting between the basin States of U. P., Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Delhi since quite some time. In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Water Resources Council in September, 1990, the Chairman, C. W.C. held discussions with the representatives of the States on the quantum of committed utilisation and submitted a report in July, 1991 which was circulated to the States. Based on this report the issue was further discussed in the inter-State meetings of Chief Ministers held on 22nd Dec., 1991 and 19th January, 1992. It was *inter alia* decided that drafts of agreements on construction of Hathnikund Barrage, Renuka Dam, additional parallel channel for Delhi and on allocations for drinking water supply for the States should be prepared for discussion and finalisation at the next inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers. It was also agreed that the issues as will not be settled through negotiations may there after be referred to a Tribunal. The draft agreements on the above issues have been circulated to the States for consideration.

Distribution of Yamuna Water

725. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's bid to resolve the inter-State tangle over the distribution of Yamuna water has not succeeded so far ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same ;

(c) whether Government propose to refer this issue to a tribunal ; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take to solve the Yamuna water sharing problem ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (d) Based on the report prepared by the Chairman, CWC in July, 1991 the matter was discussed in inter-State meetings of Chief Ministers held on 22nd December, 1991 and 10th January, 1992. It was decided that draft agreements on construction of Hathnikund Barrage, Ranuka Dam, additional parallel channel for water supply to Delhi and on allocations for drinking water supply for the States should be prepared for discussion in the next inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers. It was also agreed that the issues that may not be settled through negotiations be referred to a Tribunal. The draft agreements on the above issues have been circulated to the States for consideration at the next inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers.

Cauvery Water Dispute

726. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether he held discussions with the Chief Ministers and representatives of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Pondicherry to find an amicable solution to resolve the Cauvery Water dispute; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the discussions and how far the problem has been solved ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) The Prime Minister held discussions with the Chief Ministers of Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu on issues relating to Cauvery Waters on 17-2-1992.

(b) The States agreed to facilitate expeditious completion of all proceedings before the Tribunal.

Scheme Regarding award of scholarships

727. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have modified the Scheme for giving Scholarships to the School-going children of those engaged in occupations like scavenging and tanning leather ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the States where this Scheme is being implemented and the details of funds allocated and utilised for the purpose ?